SUBJECT No. 487.

Improvement of the sanitation of the town of Harihar by filling up the trenches around the fort in the middle of the town.

Mr. B. Adivappa, Municipal Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—The sanitation of Harihar town may be improved by filling up the trenches around the fort in the middle of the town near the Sub-Taluk Office, the cost of carrying out the improvements being met either from Provincial Funds or from Local Funds General. The work if executed at this time, will give relief to the cooly classes.

Reply of Government.—As the sum of Rs. 2,255 sanctioned last year was credited to the Municipality, the President will be asked to state whether the balance, *viz.*, Rs. 1,617 may be utilized for the purpose indicated by the member.

SUBJECT No. 488.

Levy of loom-tax in Harihar.

Mr. B. Adivappa, Municipal Board Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—By the abolition of the loom-tax, the receipts of the Harihar Municipality have crippled down to the extent of Rs. 600. The imposition of loom-tax in this Municipality may be ordered as a special case to improve its income as the expenditure exceeds the income at present.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 489.

Revival of tax on dhobis carrying on trade in rice.

Mr. B. Adivappa, Municipal Board Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—Under orders of Government, the dhobis carrying on trade in rice in Harihar Municipality were exempted last year from Mohatarfa tax, which they had been paying for a long time, while men of other castes similarly trading are made to pay Mohatarfa tax. These dhobis have given up their profession of washing clothes and taken to trade, and are making much profit thereby. There is no justification in exempting them from taxation to the detriment of Municipal revenues. It is therefore proposed that the taxation on dhobis may be revived.

Reply of Government.—Dhobis enjoy exemption as that profession is not taxable. They pay house tax.

SUBJECT No. 490.

Diversion of the Jalankere tank channel which leads to the river through Brahmapuri.

Mr. B. Adivappa, Municipal Board Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—The water that used to collect in the Jalankere tank at Harihar which was filled up owing to its insanitary condition is led off to the river by a channel through Brahmapuri. The existence of this channel, which is in disrepair, has been a source of much unhealthiness to the inhabitants, and it may therefore be diverted to a portion in the kharab land belonging to the makan at the place.

Reply of Government.—The Public Works Department will be asked to ascertain the cost of the work.

SUBJECT No. 491.

Water convenience to the musafirkhana in Harihar town.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Taluk Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—A musafirkhana has been constructed by the Government at Harihar for the use of travellers of all classes. It is requested that water convenience may also be afforded to it.

Reply of Government.—Water-supply to the town is an urgent necessity, and a project is under preparation. Both cholera and plague have been devastating the town.

SUBJECT No. 492.

Water-supply to the town of Harihar.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Taluk Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—The population of Harihar town has been very much cut down owing to the constant visitation of plague and other diseases for the last seven or eight years. There are no water facilities both in and outside the town. When people evacuate the town on account of plague and live outside, they suffer very much for want of water. The river water has been condemned by medical authorities as being unfit for drinking purposes owing to the existence of cholera germs in it. The necessity for the execution of water works was represented last year in Subject No. 476 of the Proceedings of the Representative Assembly for 1904. The townspeople of Davangere also pray for water-supply from the river to their town as represented last year in Subject No. 479. The matter may be investigated and the work executed early.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 491.

SUBJECT No. 493.

Remission of the Hulbanni amount, and the increase of the assessment on dry lands in the Holalkere Taluk on account of the failure of rain during 1904-05.

Mr. Gunderi Gopalaiya, District Board Member, Holalkere.

Summary of discussion.—The major portion of the occupied lands is lying waste owing to the failure of rainfall this year in the Holalkere Taluk, and men and cattle are very much distressed for food and fodder. It is therefore requested that the Hulbanni amount and the increase of the assessment on dry lands as per Revision Survey Settlement may be kindly remitted this year.

Reply of Government.—The matter may be represented to the Deputy Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 494.

Abolition of tax on plots of ground detached from houses in Harihar Sub-Taluk.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Sub-Taluk Member, Harihar.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats in this sub-taluk own plots of ground detached from their houses within the village site for agricultural purposes and for storing fodder for their cattle. The plots of ground were never brought under taxation, but for the last ten years a tax of eight annas to Rs. 1-8-0 has been levied on such grounds. The grievance was represented last year in Subject No. 168. Final orders may be passed for the abolition of the said tax.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 64.

SUBJECT No. 495.

Construction of a building for the Taluk Office at Chitaldrug.

Messrs. Vedanta Iyengar and Dastagir Saib, Municipal Members, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—The Taluk Cutcherry at Chitaldrug is being held in a rented building for the last four years. It is requested that a new building may be constructed outside the town for the location of the same.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered early.